



## Holy Trinity Geneva

Holy Communion with Spiritual Communion  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 10am  
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Translator of the Scriptures 1858-1922  
( CW Order Two ) Traditional Language



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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Introduction to the Eucharist**

Today we commemorate Mary Ramabai, born in 1858, the daughter of a Sanscrit scholar who believed in educating women. Converting to Christianity, she nevertheless remained loyal to many aspects of her Hindu background, pioneering an Indian vision of the faith. She became well known as a lecturer on social questions, becoming the first woman to be awarded the title 'Pandita'. She spent many years working for the education of women and orphans, founding schools and homes. Personally, she lived in great simplicity and was a prominent opponent of the caste system and child marriage. She died on this day in 1922. (*Exciting Holiness*)

Let us pray:

**Almighty God,**

unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Lord, have mercy

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**Christ, have mercy**

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**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

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Lord, have mercy

**Collect**

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Epistle : Acts 5.17-26**

*The Epistle is written in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the 17<sup>th</sup> verse*

Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life." When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 34.1-8 Benedicam Domino**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 **My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦**  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦  
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 **I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦**  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦  
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 **This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦**  
**and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦  
and delivers them.
- 8 **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦**  
**blessed is the one who trusts in him.**

**Gospel : St. John 3.16-21**

The holy gospel is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the 16th verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**HOMILY - Canon Daphne Green**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

All things come from thee O Lord, and it is of thine own that we take and that we offer unto thee.

*The bread and the wine for the Eucharist are prepared*

**The Biddings**

For our Geneva ecumenical Cursillo, for those preparing for the Cursillo in May, we pray for all those working for Christian unity and understanding between Christians of different traditions.

For all who translate the scriptures and who seek to bring the Word of God in way which is accessible for people today.

For those who are working to bring transformation to people trapped in poverty and through discrimination and for courage for all of us to stand up against oppression.

For all suffering peoples in the world, including the people of Gaza and the people of Israel, and the people of Ukraine and of Russia.

We pray for Peace in the world. For the Holy Land and all who inhabit it.

Come Holy Spirit and fill the dark places in the world with your presence, where there is war, fighting, and armed conflicts. Bring your healing.

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Daniel Tudiso, Mary Brice, Jann Coppen, Jonathan Bezzola, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Rosabelle da Silva and Katie Orchard. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

We remember the faithful departed and for those whose year's mind occurs at this time. In a moment of silence, we hold them before God. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

And so let us pray for the Church throughout the world.

#### **THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT**

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant CHARLES our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness

all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 St. Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2.1*

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

**It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this;

for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And with thy spirit**



*As we prepare to make our spiritual communion, the following prayer is provided for our help :*

**We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]**

**Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Ame.n**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,

and give us grace to follow in his steps;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

#### **Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

**Glory be to God on high**

**And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we**

**worship thee, we glorify thee, we give**

**thanks to thee, for thy great glory O**

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father  
Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, that takest away the sins of the  
world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with  
the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in  
the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the  
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst  
you and remain with you always. Amen.